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Wagamon Welcomed as Ward 3 Representative

The City Council has welcomed a new member with new ideas to contribute.

Jack Wagamon, the newly-elected Ward 3 representative, began his term during his first regular City Council meeting on May 19.



Wagamon, 46, is originally from Bryan, Texas and has worked with the City of Huntsville since 2008 as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Since taking up the position of Ward 3 representative, Wagamon has made several plans to get the residents who live in his ward more involved in city action.

"I got on City Council to try and focus our resources on providing essential services to our citizens where they actually live," Wagamon said. "As a ward representative, I plan to be actively looking for problems throughout my ward and doing something about them."

"I plan to be very active, because it shouldn't surprise you as a ward representative to find problems in your ward. You should be out there looking for them at all times, and that's what I intend to do."

Specifically, Wagamon plans to hold regular community meetings with residents in his ward and to produce and distribute a Ward 3 newsletter.

"I have planned our first community meeting to take

City of Huntsville May 9 Election Results

Mayor:	J. Turner
Ward 1:	Dr. Tom Cole
Ward 2:	Mac Woodward
Ward 3:	Jack Wagamon
Ward 4:	Dr. Wayne Barrett

place on July 23 at Richmond Hall, which is just to the west of the Old Town Theater, and I will be recruiting help from residents in Ward 3 for that meeting," he said. "Also, I'm going to start a Ward 3 newsletter."

Wagamon, who spends his work days at his family's print shop Wagamon Printing, earned his associate's degree in printing from the Texas State Technical Institute in Waco, Texas.

He served in the United States Army from 1980 through 1984, and has also published 15 issues of the "Taxpayer" newsletter since January 2006.

HEAP: Session II to be held June 22—July 2

If your family is looking for a multi-activity program for a child between the ages of 6 and 13, it's not too late to sign up for the second session of the Huntsville Enrichment Activities Program, also known as HEAP.

HEAP offers quality recreation and enrichment activities under the supervision of professional educators. Students participate in either Trac I or Trac II activities depending on their age, and the activities available provide a variety of life skills and character building lessons.

"From participating in HEAP, kids will take away such qualities as self-respect, teamwork, goal setting and problem solving," Program Director John Fortner said.

"Our experienced staff uses hands-on activities as vehicles for teaching these qualities."

Available activities include team sports, crafts, music, science activities, golf, karate, photography, hip hop dance, drama and more.

HEAP is held from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday through Thursday at Huntsville Intermediate School, Huntsville High School, Scott Johnson Elementary School, and the HISD Outdoor Learning Center.

Registration for the program is \$40 per student, and a free meal program is also available.

For more information, contact John Fortner at (936) 661-5551.

Citizens of Huntsville

*Be a part of Democracy in Action! Your input is requested and respected!
We invite you to visit our City facilities, attend Council meetings and take part in your community!*

Hurricane Season 2009: Are You Prepared?

Reminder to residents to prepare for June to November hurricane season

Huntsville residents are encouraged to begin preparing for the upcoming hurricane season, anticipated to last through November.

According to John Waldo, City of Huntsville EMC, family and household preparation are important parts of getting through the hurricane season safely, and it is never too early to collect needed items.

"Hurricane season takes place from June through November, and you need to be prepared," Waldo said. "Knowing the steps to take during a disaster – whether that disaster is flooding, tornadoes or hurricanes – can greatly reduce the danger and distress your family may face.

"Above all, having a plan is one of the most important steps you can take in disaster preparedness. Knowing what to do and how to do it can help your family manage disasters with less

worry, fear and uncertainty. Citizens should begin making their own preparations for the 2009 hurricane season as soon as possible."

Waldo said individual preparedness can include developing or updating a personal disaster plan as well as assembling an emergency supply kit.

Typically, emergency supply kits will allow individuals to sustain themselves for three to seven days. They include items like food, cash, a first-aid kit, extra prescription medications, hygiene items, copies of important documents, a battery-powered radio, a flashlight, extra batteries and keys, tools, and a NOAA Weather Radio.

Families are also advised to store enough water to provide each family member with one gallon of water per day.

"Having an emergency plan and a disaster kit will help you manage in al-

most every kind of crisis, and there are numerous web sites which will assist individuals in the development of a personal disaster plan and emergency kit," Waldo said. "The American Red Cross and the Federal Emergency Management Agency both have excellent information to offer online.

"Waiting until a storm enters the Gulf of Mexico may be too late to make adequate preparations. The time is now to start making preparations to ensure you, and your family, are ready if a disaster should occur."

For more information, contact Waldo at (936) 291-5945.

Additional information on emergency supply kits is also available at www.redcross.org or www.fema.gov.

\$ Budget Work Update \$

The Finance Department will continue their work on the budget this month with the guidance of City Manager Bill Baine.

After completing a draft of the budget to submit to Baine, Director of Finance Winston Duke and his staff will make any necessary changes before submitting a draft of the budget to City Council for the first time.

"During June, we will have completed the City Manager's draft of the budget, and by the first or second week of the month, he will have talked to each City department about the budget items they submitted," Duke said. "After looking over the budget and making his changes, Baine will turn the budget back in to us and we do whatever balancing we need to do."

After making the City Manager's changes, the Finance Department will have an operating budget ready to present to City Council for the first time.

By the end of the month, Duke and his staff will have looked over the capital projects and grants to be included in the budget, and a first draft of the document will be completed.

"By the end of the month, the entire budget for the City's next fiscal year will be presented to our City Council for review," Duke said.

Look for additional pieces about the City of Huntsville budget in future issues of the City Connection.

HHS Students Create Mural for Huntsville Fire Department



The Huntsville Fire Department unveiled a special mural May 26 – an enlarged copy of the department's official patch – which was drawn and painted by 15 members of the Huntsville High School National Art Honor Society.

The mural, which was painted onto the front wall of Fire Station 2, is approximately 10 feet tall by 8 feet wide and was completed by the group of students over the course of four evenings.

The original patch was designed by HFD Captain Chuck Vaughan.



The City of Huntsville has fun activities available for all residents this summer!

From activities at the Wynne Home Arts Center and the Huntsville Aquatic Center to group activities coordinated by the Recreation Services Department, there are plenty of reasons to get off the couch and stay active.

Recreation Services

Family Fishing Celebration

June 13:

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Huntsville State Park

Free for ages 7 and older

Contact David Neyes:
(281) 419-6477

Outdoor Explorer

June 27 and July 25

Huntsville State Park

Free activities for all ages

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Activities including 42 Dominoes, Pilates and Fat Burning Boot Camp are also available.

Call (936) 291-5420 for details.

Huntsville Aquatic Center

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday through Sunday

2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Available activities

include:

Swim lessons, water aerobics, junior guard, Night Owl events and more!

Summer Daily

Admission Prices:

Adults Age 12+: \$2

Children Age 6 to 11: \$1.50

Children Age 5 and under: Free

All-season passes also available.

For more information,
call (936) 291-2973.

Wynne Home Arts Center

Open daily from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Daily Tours at 2 p.m.:

See the Wynne Home sales gallery, classrooms, pottery studio and antique furniture, all while learning more about the Wynne family



Current Exhibits:

Gemstones' scrapbooks and photos

On display from June 16 to June 27

Richard Haas:

"Huntsville and Other Texas Projects"

On display through August



For more information, call Linda Pease
at (936) 291-5422.



The City of Huntsville has removed three sets of stop signs from Veterans Memorial Parkway and Robinson Creek Parkway.



Signs removed include the north-south stop signs at the intersections of Veterans Memorial and Smither Drive, Veterans Memorial and Woodward Drive, and Robinson Creek and Woodward.

Police/Fire Statistics April 2009

Police:

♦ Calls for service:	4381
♦ Accidents investigated:	90
♦ Animal Control complaints investigated:	104

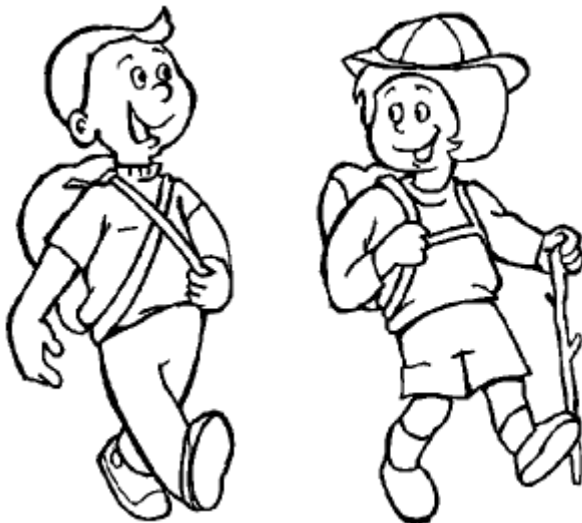
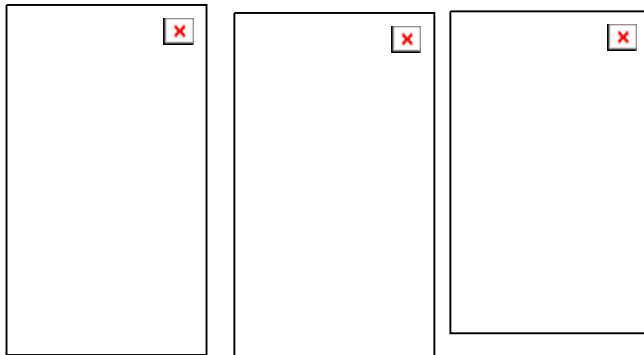
Fire:

♦ Calls for service:	96
♦ Main alarm calls:	16

Kid's Korner

Camping Word Search

A S Y T S U R E R X H A
 Q V Q A U F O P N J P T
 F G F S S A P M O C D G
 O O L T M C E B I L T N
 P G R A N O L A T R E E
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Calendar

June 2009

- 10 Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste Collection — **call in required** (936) 294-5796
- 16 City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1212 Avenue M
- 17 Yard Waste Trimming Collection - no call in required
- 21 Father's Day
- 24 Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste Collection — **call in required** (936) 294-5796

July 2009

- 1 Yard Waste Trimming Collection - no call in required
- 3 All City Offices closed and Solid Waste closed in observance of Independence Day
- 4 Independence Day
- 7 City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1212 Avenue M
- 8 Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste Collection — **call in required** (936) 294-5796
- 15 Yard Waste Trimming Collection - no call in required
- 21 City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1212 Avenue M.
- 22 Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste Collection — **call in required** (936) 294-5796
- 29 Yard Waste Trimming Collection - no call in required

August 2009

- 4 City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1212 Avenue M
- 5 Yard Waste Trimming Collection - no call in required
- 12 Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste Collection — **call in required** (936) 294-5796
- 18 City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1212 Avenue M
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Please note: All requests for Heavy Trash pick-up must be made no later than noon on Monday, the week of the pick-up.



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for a complete calendar of events.